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AMENDED REQUEST FOR CONTINUING EXAMINATION

Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated May 19, 2005, and in turn to the final Office Action dated January 13th, 2005, and to the Advisory Actions dated April 22nd, 2005, Applicant submits the following:

Amendments to the Specification: None.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings: None.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.

Appendix: None.

Applicant believes that the filing of this Amended Request for Continuing Examination (A-RCE) is within two months after the allotted shortened statutory period for reply to the final Office Action. The fee for a one-month extension of time was paid with the RCE filed on May 4, 2005. Applicant petitions for an additional one-month extension of time, for which the balance of the late fee is enclosed. Should the undersigned attorney be mistaken as to time or fee, please consider this a petition for an extension of time that may be required to maintain the pendency of the above-referenced application and/or to advance this RCE, and charge Deposit Account No. 50-1924 for any required fee deficiency.